

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**FISCAL YEAR 2001**

**SUMMARY OF CONSULTING SERVICES ESTIMATES**

NASA uses paid experts and consultants to provide advice and expert input in addition to or beyond that available from its in-house civil service workforce. Management controls are established which assure that before entering into a consultant services arrangement with an individual that there is ample justification presented and the action is approved at top management levels.

NASA hires experts and consultants to provide expert advice and input on the selection of experiments for future space missions. The use of these experts and consultants, in addition to NASA civil service personnel, provides the agency with an independent view that assures the selection of experiments likely to have the greatest scientific merit. Other individuals are employed to provide independent looks at technical and functional problems in order to give top management the widest possible range of views before making major decisions.

	<u>FY 1999</u>	<u>FY 2000</u>	<u>FY 2001</u>
Number of Experts and Consultants	283	290	290
Annual FTE Usage	4	4	4
Average Annual Salary	\$63,000	\$66,100	\$69,000
Total Salary and Benefits Costs	\$273,420	\$286,818	\$297,430
Travel Costs	\$595,000	\$618,800	\$643,500
Total Costs	\$868,420	\$905,618	\$940,930